

Participation in this competition is voluntary. The following must be met to avoid disqualification:

## Registration and submission

1. This competition is open to Australian schools.
2. Entries may arise from either:
  - i. a team of 2 to 5 members per poster (team)
  - ii. an individual (since 2024)
3. Submissions must be made online via the [registration system](#):
  - i. **by a school teacher (not students) or affiliated home-schooling parent**
  - ii. before 10 November of the year of competition.
4. Whilst registration is accepted at any time, to assist administration (including preparation for judging) please **register interest (for free) by 1 September annually**, advising of anticipated numbers of submissions per Division if possible.
5. Each poster must be submitted within one of the following divisions:  
Years 3-4 / Years 5-6 / Years 7-8 / Years 9-10 / Years 11-12.  
**The highest grade of any of the team's members will define the team's division. E.g., a team with two Year 8 students and one Year 9 student would enter the 'Year 9-10' division.**
6. The registered teacher/home-schooling parent is responsible for all elements of the team and its function, including but not limited to:
  - i. ensuring each team and submission meets the competition rules; and
  - ii. having the appropriate permission (school, other) to participate.

## Posters

### Dimension and Content

1. Posters must be the equivalent of a single one-sided sheet (not multiple slides/pages). They may be either:
  - created physically on an A1 page (841 mm x 594 mm or 33.1 in x 23.4 in) and photographed for e-submission; or
  - an e-poster (created electronically)

In either event, a single file must be submitted online – see criteria below in **Submission**

2. Font sizes:

Poster content must be legible if the submitted file (containing image of physical poster or e-poster) was printed on A4 and viewed at arm's length.

Thus, the *smallest* font size on:

- an e-poster should be equivalent to 10 pt Arial (although larger is recommended);
  - a physical poster on A1 sheet should be equivalent to 22 pt Arial (so viewable from a distance of approx. 2 metres).
3. A poster containing any form of potentially offensive material or otherwise inappropriate for public display will be excluded from the competition. The organisers reserve the right to withdraw any submissions at their discretion.

4. Any topic is permissible but the poster must illustrate clear aims, methods, quantitative analysis, interpretation and communication of statistics or statistical information and findings.
5. In planning the projects on which posters are based, it is important to take into account the '**Judging Criteria**' and '**Tips**' documents, accessible from the *Key Information* section of the NSPC website ([www.ssapostercomp.info](http://www.ssapostercomp.info)), which clarify educational goals.
6. Data used may be from either primary (collected by students) or secondary (previously published by someone else) sources; if the latter, the source must be cited in the poster.
7. Posters must be presented in English.
8. Posters must NOT contain any information identifying students, teachers or schools who have created or submitted them.

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9. Posters must be the original design and creation of students and must cite any content obtained from existing sources using appropriate footnotes and references. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.

### **Submission**

1. Electronic submissions are made via the website adhering to the following instructions:
  - Maximum file size is 10Mb
  - It is the responsibility of the submitting teacher and authors to ensure that the poster will be able to be viewed for judging via the file
  - Preferred file types are pdf and jpeg; please check other formats with organisers
2. **THERE MUST BE NO NAMES (PEOPLE or SCHOOLS) ON THE POSTER!**
3. All entries become the property of the competition organisers and will not be returned.
4. A winning poster may be forwarded, if of sufficient merit, to the International Statistical Literacy Project competition for international judgement (~March-June of following year; run once every two years). All forwarded entries become the property of the International Statistics Institute and will not be returned.
5. By submitting a poster, students and teachers give permission for their work to be displayed at various conferences, special events, in publications and promotional material, and in electronic format on the internet without expectation of royalties nor other benefits.

### **Judgement**

1. The '**Judging Criteria**' document should be viewed - accessible from the *Key Information* section of the NSPC website ([www.ssapostercomp.info](http://www.ssapostercomp.info)).
2. Judges will be appointed by the competition organisers – these may include industry and academic personnel.
3. The judges' decision is final.

Please consider the additional resources available from the NSPC website ([www.ssapostercomp.info](http://www.ssapostercomp.info)).

Thank you for your consideration of this competition. We hope to continue to bring many valuable and enjoyable hours of learning experience to students and teachers.

**Professor Peter Howley**

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